implementing the scheme on integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement in Kerala during 1999-2000 covering total area of 22,500 hectares. The funds could not be released to the State Government as the Board did not receive State level administrative sanction, project report for implementing the scheme, etc. from Government of Kerala. Since the project now submitted by Government of Kerala is not in accordance with the approved on-going scheme, the Board has, therefore, requested the State Government to revise the project accordingly for early release of funds.

Assistance to Earthquake victims of Garhwal

†2296. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that the amount of assistance is not being provided so far to the earthquake victims of Garhwal region of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether Government are aware that the case of providing amount of assistance by Government has been examined twice by the State Government wherein it has been found that actually the same is urgently required for those victims, particularly for the victims of Rudraprayag district;

(c) the amount of assistance provided to such victims of village Jawari, Post-Mai Ke Mandi, District- Rudraprayag; and

(d) if so, whether Government will direct the State Government to ensure that the amount of assistance is made available immediately to the above mentioned victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYAANA RAO): (a) to (d) It is the responsibility of the Government of Uttar Pradesh to undertake relief and restoration measures in the wake of natural calamities and utilise the assistance provided to them under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and the National Funds for Calamity Relief (NFCR). Central share of CRF for 1999-2000 amounting to Rs. 108.50 crore has been released to the State Government for immediate relief including the earthquake in the hilly areas in March, 1999. In addition, the National Calamity Relief Committee (NCRC) has approved Rs. 16.68 crore from the NFCR in the wake of earthquake of March, 1999.

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